

## LOCAL NEWS.

Judge Brown opened the May term of the Probate court Tuesday and disposed of six estates.

The funeral of the infant son of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Abernathy took place Tuesday at 4 o'clock p. m.

Do all in your power to promote the interests of your own town. Encourage its enterprises and arduously labor for its welfare.

The loss by the fire at Nevada, when everything is taken into consideration will not fall short of \$50,000.

The west and north side gutters have been cleaned out, and men with teams are busy to-day hauling away the piles of dirt which were taken out of them.

That immense pile of wood on Fulton street is a nuisance, and to allow it to remain there will be a direct violation of the city ordinance in regard to obstructions of the streets.

"When the swallows homeward fly," "when the bloom is on the eye," and the corn is gently waving, "Annie dear," I will meet you at the gate," tho't may be rather late, and for the hundredth time pour taffy in your ear.

A TIMES reporter was shown some of the finest work in wax which we have ever seen at the photographic gallery of Mr. Cummins, yesterday. The work was executed by Mrs. Cummins some ten years ago and is perfectly preserved. It is well worth the trouble of going to see.

Charles T. McFarland, proprietor of the TIMES, left Monday at 1 p. m. for St. Joseph, Mo., where he will attend the convention of the Missouri Press Association, and from thence take the excursion to Galveston, Texas. He will be absent a week or ten days.

Judge J. M. Rogers, of Pleasant Gap township, gave us a pleasant call. Judge Rogers is one of our most substantial farmers and we were glad to see him. He has been a resident of the county for many years.

A most distressing accident occurred on last Wednesday, April 16th, to a poor laborer named Mace Plumer. While engaged in blasting a well near town, he put in a heavy charge of powder and having latched and ignited the fuse, went overhead for the discharge to go off. It didn't do as he expected, and having waited a while, determined something was the matter and came to the well for inspection. Just as he peeped down over its brow, the powder exploded. Some pieces of the plank that extended across the well were blown in all directions, the glass smashed in the windows of a house near by and poor Plumer was killed and insensible on the ground. When a physician's assistance was procured it was found that one of his eyes were blown out and the other it is feared, rendered useless for life. His face and scalp were terribly lacerated and torn from small fragments of rock, and his chest and arms severely contused. This unfortunate man has six children and a wife, and has no other provision for the maintenance than his daily labor.—[S. C. News.

We clip the following complimentary notice of our young friend, Mr. Sim Francisco, from the Warrensburg Journal-Democrat of May 1st:

"Sim Francisco is a candidate for prosecuting attorney of Bates county, before the Democratic primaries. He is a Warrensburg boy and as a matter of course should be nominated. We know of no young man in this section of Missouri of better talent and brighter promise, nor can we find better schooled in the cardinal principles of Jeffersonian Democracy than Sim Francisco. He has been a close student of the law, and we believe that he is destined to win bright jewels of distinction in his profession. The sturdy going, practical and reliable Democrats of Bates county will find Sim Francisco a young gentleman well worthy of their support, and one who will never bring disgrace to the party he loves so well and serves so faithfully."

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## A Terrific Scene.

It Seems Incredible But it is Nevertheless True.

Moore's Magnificent Opera House at Nevada Sinks Into Ashes.

Ere the Echoes of its Dedication Had Died Away.

Man never knows when to look for calamities. The thing we call fate shapes the destiny of all things, indiscriminating, impartial and strikes at the fortunate as well as the unfortunate, the rich and the poor, the great and the humble alike.

The dire calamity that has befallen the proud city of Nevada seems to be a harder fate and calls for a larger measure of sympathy than most cases. The burning of Moore's Opera house ere the dedicatory ceremony was yet finished is as great a calamity as has ever struck at the work of man in the West.

Nevada was proud of her Opera House, proud of the noble spirit that erected it and elated to a high standard over its dedication. Well, indeed, might she be joyous over the occasion, for it was a grand and glorious one, and well may she now mourn over the singular and excessively severe misfortune of Saturday night's holocaust. It is a sad story to relate. So much so that we confess our inability to do justice to the even frightful circumstance. Let people behold the facts and then express their feelings if they can. The lone blackened walls, the smoldering debris tell the story, solemn though it may be.

But let not any depressed feeling govern the future. Raise your heads, ye noble people of Nevada, sink your hands down into your pockets and make up to your benefactor that which he has lost. Let not a moment be wasted before you take the step. It is an easy thing for you to do. Go about it at once and re-erect on the same foundation the temple that was an honor to your town and to him that builded it.

The following from the Nevada Mail, Extra of Sunday morning explains itself:

Nevada has suffered an almost irreparable calamity. About 1 o'clock this morning a negro cabin in the rear of Moore's Opera House took fire from some cause as yet unknown, from which the flames extended to a lot of coal oil barrels piled up in the alley-way, and from thence to the Opera House.

The alarm was at once given, and in a few minutes the church bells were ringing out a wild alarm, calling hundreds from their beds and filling the streets with excited women and children.

"The Opera House is on fire!" This was the terrible cry that sounded through the city and brought consternation and heartfelt regret to every household.

At this hour (3 a. m.) but meagre particulars are obtainable, but as near as can be ascertained the losses and insurance are as follows:

Harry C. Moore, opera house and contents; loss about \$24,000—insurance \$12,000.

Miller Brothers, Opera Grocery House; loss \$9,000 to \$10,000—insurance \$5,000. Some goods saved in damaged condition.

Walton Music Store, goods all saved in damaged condition, except one piano burned in opera house. Loss and insurance not ascertained.

R. M. Goodrich, grocery store; loss \$3,000—insurance \$2,000. Part of stock saved in damaged condition.

The handsome offices in opera house all destroyed with contents. Four frame buildings in the block were torn down to stop the spread of the flames. Losses not ascertainable at this hour.

It is believed now that the fire is under control, though at one time it looked as if the business portion of the town was doomed.

The sympathy for Mr. Moore, Miller Bros., Mr. Goodrich and other sufferers is heartfelt and universal, and we understand that immediate steps will be taken to rebuild the Opera House, numerous offers of assistance having already been made to Mr. Moore to that

end. It is a sad, sad ending to a week of joy.

Many of our citizens have behaved nobly in the trying emergency. Full particulars will be obtained when daylight comes.

From Mr. Walton of this city who went down to Nevada last night and returned this morning, the TIMES is informed that the above account is about correct. The music house of Walton & Co., sustained some damage to instruments, and would have lost all had it not been for the timely courage and coolness of Mr. Phelps, travelling salesman for Conover Bros., Kansas City, who was stopping at the Nevada House just opposite the burning building, and on hearing the alarm rushed to the scene and burst open the door and by the time Mr. Allen had arrived on the spot had everything under control, thereby saving the stock from total loss. The insurance on the stock was sufficient to cover the damage.

A public meeting will be held at Nevada to-night to take such steps as may be found necessary to rebuild the Opera House. That's the right kind of pluck.

The following incidents of Nevada's late disastrous conflagration were culled from the Nevada Democrat:

The fact that water was so scarce that men even scooped it up from the gutters as it ran down from the burning building, and used it again and again to fight the fire, demonstrates the urgent necessity of several additional public wells.

All day long on Sunday, crowds of curious spectators hovered round about the scene of the disaster, and not one looked upon the smoldering debris but who experienced the most sincere regret.

The fire was disastrous and the losses heavy, but the men who suffered most know no discouragement. The burnt district will soon be rebuilt, and Moore's Opera House, the "pride of the people," will soon rise in grander beauty than before.

R. M. Goodrich, the grocery man worked hard and carefully for a while handing his stock of crockery down from his shelves to the frantic crowd below by whom it was promptly dumped out on the sidewalk without regard to frangibility. When he discovered this, Goodrich concluded that burning was no worse than breaking, so he quit.

If the fire was the work of an incendiary for the purpose of stealing as many supposed, it was not a success, as comparatively little loss was sustained in that direction.

### A CALL.

FROM THE CITIZENS OF BUTLER FOR A MEETING TO ORGANIZE A GRAND FOURTH OF JULY ROOM.

ED. TIMES: Butler should have a grand celebration on "our nation's day." We have never entered into these patriotic exhibitions with the proper spirit. First of all, it shows a lack of enterprise on our part to let other towns get up a grand celebration while we do nothing, and then these exhibitions go far towards advertising a place, and are of practical benefit. Now, we call for a meeting of all the patriotic citizens of Butler, for Wednesday, May 10th, at 8 o'clock, p. m., at the court house, for the purpose of effecting an organization, with the object in view of preparing for the most magnificent celebration ever held in this part of the state.

MANY CITIZENS.

It has been the custom of the Presbyterian church for several years to adorn their church with flowers at the time roses are most abundant, and to devote a Sabbath to appropriate service. This annual Floral Service will take place next Sunday. The congregation and all their friends are invited to meet at the church next Saturday evening at 7 o'clock, and bring with them an abundant supply of flowers. The evening will be spent in decorating the church and social intercourse. On the Sabbath the pastor will preach to the children in the morning and in the evening the Missionary Band "Steady Streams," will give a Missionary concert.

### SUNDAY'S WORSHIP.

A Bad Day, But Good Work Done.

Yesterday dawned blustering, windy and disagreeable, but fair congregations were out at nearly all the services.

#### DAKOTA ST. M. E. CHURCH.

The pastor preached in the morning from John 8:15: "I have given you an example, that you should do as I have done to you." In the evening the discourse was founded on Luke 14:33: "So likewise, whosoever he be of you that forsaketh not all that he hath, he cannot be my disciple." Considering the state of the weather the audiences were good. The Sunday school had 41 in attendance.

#### OHIO ST. M. E. CHURCH.

Rev. Alexander, the pastor, preached to good congregations morning and evening. His text in the morning was "Charity never faileth"—1 Cor. 13:8. In the evening his theme was "the death and burial of Moses," based upon Deut. 34:5-7. The Sunday school was interesting but small.

#### THE CHRISTIAN CHURCH.

Elder Reid preached in the morning upon the topic, "The golden rule"—Mat. 7:12. One addition to the church. Evening subject, "True friendship"—Ruth 1:16. An addition also in the evening. Taking the condition of the weather into consideration the congregations were large. Sunday school very small.

#### THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

Rev. Newton preached in the morning from the text, Song of Solomon 1:4: "Draw me, we will run after thee." Lord's supper administered after the sermon. One person united with the church. In the evening his text was, "Only let your conversation be as becometh the gospel"—Phil. 1:27-28.

#### THE BAPTIST CHURCH.

The pastor's morning theme was "The Disobedience of Jonah;" the basis of which was the language found recorded in the first chapter of the book of Jonah. In the evening he preached from Proverbs 20:29: "The glory of young men is their strength." He said that the glory of the young man as here expressed was not his personal appearance; not the manner in which he parted his hair; not the amount of money he had; not the number of friends he had, but his strength. He further explained that the word strength did not refer to physical power but strength of mind and heart. He delivered a strong discourse and one that appealed to every young man in his large audience. The Sunday school had 45 present.

#### NOTES.

The collection taken up at the Baptist church last night, for the benefit of the Baptist church at Montrose, which had its building blown away by the cyclone recently, amounted to \$5.50. Another collection for the same purpose will be taken up next Sunday night.

The girls from 9 to 16 years of age of the Ohio street M. E. church met at the parsonage Saturday and organized the "Girls Missionary League."

The Woman's Missionary Society of the Dakota street M. E. church, had an interesting meeting at the church on Saturday.

There will be a social at the Ohio street M. E. church on Tuesday night, the 16th inst.

R. Fromme, Esq., a prominent druggist of San Marcos, Texas, writes: "Prickly Ash Bitters" have given entire satisfaction to all who have used it. During the past two years I have sold several gross, and the demand is constantly increasing, which shows that this remedy comes up to all that is claimed for it. An effectual purifier of the blood, as well as of the entire system, Physicians in this section very often recommend it."

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Saturday, May 20th, 1882.

between the hours of nine o'clock in the forenoon and 5 o'clock in the afternoon of that day to the highest bidder for cash in hand to satisfy said note interest and costs. 20-41. JAMES R. SIMPSON, Sheriff of Bates county and Trustee.

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